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1. Large-scale artillery practice took place daily from 15-19 July on the following lines:

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18 x 122 mm field howitzers moved from Jagen 8 in the direction of Jagen 175 and 177. On the march, this column was attacked by five training tanks (T34 without turrets) and at other points by four trucks. During each attack, the guns broke up their formation and went into position, the limbers were removed, defensive firing with dummies and MG and AA MG positions were set up around the guns. Immediately after the attack by the vehicles, the gun positions were attacked by two PO 2's, each of which was towing a drogue which was fired upon by the MG AA's. These attacks, which were carried out daily, each lasted approximately 35-40 minutes.

2. Between 16-19 July, tank practice with about 30 x T34's took place. The tanks fired daily from 0900-1200 hours at a towed target on the Gross Kramsee and from 1400-1900 hours they carried out battle firing in the following formation:

3. The same practice was observed on 20 July with 17 x T34's and on 22 July with 12 x T34's and 6 x JS III's. During these practices the following tank numbers were noted:

16-19 July: T34/85's
20 July: T34/85's
22 July: T34/85's

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4. On 20-22 July, during daylight hours, attacks by several 300 mm RL's were made from Jagen 114/115, firing as far as Jagen 200. Only one barrel of the RL's was fired.

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